

Appendix A

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DECLARATION OF EUGEN ERMANTRAUT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132

I, Eugen Ermantraut, declare:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-captioned patent application.
2. I am also an inventor of the subject matter claimed in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0150933 A1 ("the Ehricht reference"). The Ehricht reference was cited against the above-captioned patent application by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2010.
3. The other co-inventors of the Ehricht reference are Ralf Ehricht, Thomas Ellinger, Jens Tuchscheerer, Siegfried Poser and Torsten Schulz. Torsten Schulz, Thomas Ullrich, Thomas Ellinger, Joachim Fischer, Thomas Kaiser, Klaus-Peter Möbius, Siegfried Poser, Jens Tuchscheerer and Martin Zieren and I made and tested the subject matter described and claimed in the above-captioned patent application, namely, a device for holding a substance library carrier. Ehricht, while a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in the Ehricht reference, is not a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-captioned patent application. Unlike the inventors of the above-captioned application, Ehricht was not involved with any discovery or development of the concepts relating to the device for holding a substance library carrier.
4. All statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned patent application or any patents issued thereon.

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